

Council on Postsecondary Education
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Report on Fall 2003 Estimated Enrollment

Fall 2003 enrollments, at all levels, are predicted to continue the substantial increases that began with reform in 1998.

Highlights include:

A record high 226,910 students enrolled at public and independent postsecondary institutions in Kentucky.

This is an increase of 5,728 students or 2.6 percent over 2002 enrollment.

Public institutions alone enrolled 197,615 students.

Enrollment growth since 1998:

Since 1998, total postsecondary education enrollment increased by 42,064 students or 22.8 percent.

Undergraduate enrollment increased 37,452, moving the Council closer to the goal of enrolling 80,000 new students by 2015.

The KCTCS showed the largest increase with 25,532 more students. This is an increase of 56.1 percent since 1998.

Graduate student enrollment growth, on a percentage basis, was significant in both the state-supported and independent institutions.

Public institutions increased 16.5 percent, or 2,887 graduate students, across institutions in a variety of academic programs. Independent institutions increased 68.6 percent, or 1,326 graduate students.

Official data will be reported in January. Estimates in prior years have varied from actual enrollments by small amounts. National enrollment data are not yet available for comparison.

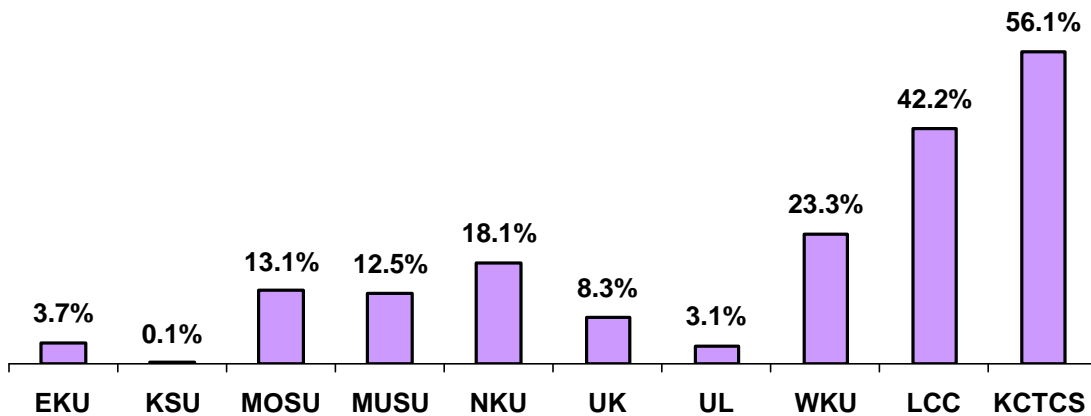
The attached table provides enrollment information, including change statistics, for each public institution.

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION REFORM IN KENTUCKY POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT UPDATE

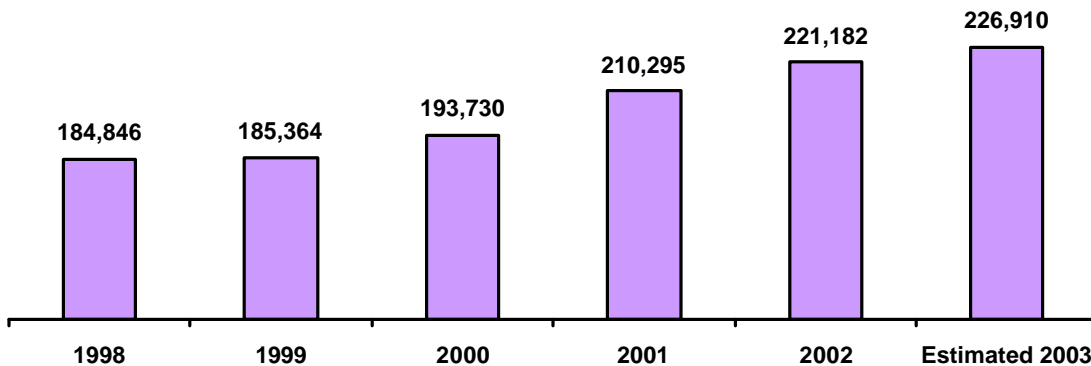


1998 Enrollment: 184,846
2003 Estimated Enrollment: 226,910
5-Yr Percent Increase: 22.8%

5-Year Enrollment Increase, Public Postsecondary Education Institutions



Total Enrollment Increase in Kentucky Postsecondary Education



KENTUCKY POSTSECONDARY ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT^a
FALL 2003

	1998 ACTUAL	2002 ACTUAL	2003 ESTIMATED	1-YR CHANGE		5-YR CHANGE	
				N	%	N	%
<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>							
Eastern Kentucky University	13,480	13,053	13,631	578	4.4%	151	1.1%
Kentucky State University	2,205	2,107	2,137	30	1.4%	(68)	-3.1%
Morehead State University	6,743	7,712	7,741	29	0.4%	998	14.8%
Murray State University	7,349	8,088	8,250	162	2.0%	901	12.3%
Northern Kentucky University	10,643	12,164	12,208	44	0.4%	1,565	14.7%
University of Kentucky	17,157	17,878	18,340	462	2.6%	1,183	6.9%
University of Louisville	14,647	14,475	14,706	231	1.6%	59	0.4%
Western Kentucky University	12,713	15,234	15,820	586	3.8%	3,107	24.4%
Total Universities	84,937	90,711	92,833	2,122	2.3%	7,896	9.3%
Lexington Community College	6,118	8,270	8,700	430	5.2%	2,582	42.2%
KCTCS	45,529	67,812	71,061	3,249	4.8%	25,532	56.1%
Total Public	136,584	166,793	172,594	5,801	3.5%	36,010	26.4%
Independent Institutions	24,342	26,845	25,784	(1,061)	-4.0%	1,442	5.9%
Total Undergraduate	160,926	193,638	198,378	4,740	2.4%	37,452	23.3%
<u>GRADUATE</u>							
Eastern Kentucky University	1,922	2,195	2,347	152	6.9%	425	22.1%
Kentucky State University	98	146	169	23	15.8%	71	72.4%
Morehead State University	1,520	1,678	1,602	(76)	-4.5%	82	5.4%
Murray State University	1,554	1,832	1,770	(62)	-3.4%	216	13.9%
Northern Kentucky University	764	1,107	1,196	89	8.0%	432	56.5%
University of Kentucky	5,142	5,767	5,940	173	3.0%	798	15.5%
University of Louisville	4,293	4,677	4,795	118	2.5%	502	11.7%
Western Kentucky University	2,169	2,584	2,530	(54)	-2.1%	361	16.6%
Total Universities	17,462	19,986	20,349	363	1.8%	2,887	16.5%
Independent Institutions	1,934	2,809	3,260	451	16.1%	1,326	68.6%
Total Graduate	19,396	22,795	23,609	814	3.6%	4,213	21.7%
<u>FIRST PROFESSIONAL</u>							
Northern Kentucky University	392	472	528	56	11.9%	136	34.7%
University of Kentucky	1,410	1,388	1,415	27	1.9%	5	0.4%
University of Louisville	1,269	1,281	1,306	25	2.0%	37	2.9%
Total Universities	3,071	3,141	3,249	108	3.4%	178	5.8%
Independent Institutions	120	244	251	7	2.9%	131	109.2%
Total First Professional	3,191	3,385	3,500	115	3.4%	309	9.7%
<u>POST-GRADUATE^b</u>							
University of Kentucky	685	708	730	22	3.1%	45	6.6%
University of Louisville	648	656	693	37	5.6%	45	6.9%
Total Universities	1,333	1,364	1,423	59	4.3%	90	6.8%
<u>TOTAL HEADCOUNT</u>							
Eastern Kentucky University	15,402	15,248	15,978	730	4.8%	576	3.7%
Kentucky State University	2,303	2,253	2,306	53	2.4%	3	0.1%
Morehead State University	8,263	9,390	9,343	(47)	-0.5%	1,080	13.1%
Murray State University	8,903	9,920	10,020	100	1.0%	1,117	12.5%
Northern Kentucky University	11,799	13,743	13,932	189	1.4%	2,133	18.1%
University of Kentucky	24,394	25,741	26,425	684	2.7%	2,031	8.3%
University of Louisville	20,857	21,089	21,500	411	1.9%	643	3.1%
Western Kentucky University	14,882	17,818	18,350	532	3.0%	3,468	23.3%
Total Universities	106,803	115,202	117,854	2,652	2.3%	11,051	10.3%
Lexington Community College	6,118	8,270	8,700	430	5.2%	2,582	42.2%
KCTCS	45,529	67,812	71,061	3,249	4.8%	25,532	56.1%
Public	158,450	191,284	197,615	6,331	3.3%	39,165	24.7%
Independent Institutions	26,396	29,898	29,295	(603)	-2.0%	2,899	11.0%
Total Enrollment	184,846	221,182	226,910	5,728	2.6%	42,064	22.8%

^aFinal fall enrollments will be available January, 2004. Recent estimates have varied from actual enrollments by + or - 2%.

^bPost-graduate includes post-doctoral students and medical school residents and interns (house staff).

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